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### EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Peter W. Gowdy (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of interview March 21, 1996

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☒ No. If yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement ☐ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☒ was not reached.

Claims discussed: 13, 16, 17, 19, 22-24

Identification of prior art discussed: Takimoto et al. 4,761,333; JP 60-92345;  
JP 52-108454

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussion

focused on the novelty and non obviousness of the steering wheel  
pad such that the composition of ingredients is not the same  
as the prior art. Applicant states that the prior art teaches  
away from the ~~prop~~ the claimed invention.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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John J. Guarriello  
Examiner's Signature

<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No. <b>08/396,088</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Koizumi et al.</b>	
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